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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

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: Deputy Director for Support *RSW*

SUBJECT

: CIA Civilian Reserve Program

Executive Registry

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1. This memorandum submits a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. The Agency has maintained a centralized civilian reserve program under the Director of Personnel since 1958. The objective of the original program was to establish and to maintain a current roster of selected former employees who would be willing to return to the Agency if needed during an emergency. The program was revised in 1962 to provide a register of persons who, because of their skills and experience, might be able to assist the Agency in current operations on an occasional basis. Our secondary objective was to provide a source of manpower in event of emergency. The revised program is governed by [redacted]

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3. In both its original and revised forms, the program has turned out to be almost completely passive. The reservists have been willing to assist the Agency, but components have levied very few requests for assistance on the Office of Personnel, and none have come from outside the Clandestine Service.

4. Undoubtedly, part of the problem has been a lack of current awareness of the program throughout the Agency. To counteract this, the program was recommended for inclusion in the Agency's electronic data processing system with a view to producing the periodic rosters to alert possible users to its potential. Support Information Processing Staff (SIPS) Team studied the program and concluded that computer support would increase its effectiveness and utilization, and that such support was feasible. Since the Team found, however, that duplicate and supplemental directories had been established by some offices, it recommended that computer support be provided only on condition that the Civilian Reserve Program be used as the central data bank for storing and retrieving information and that duplicate and supplemental directories not be maintained by other offices. A proposed revision [redacted], designed to meet the SIPS Team recommendation, was placed in coordination in September 1970 but did not receive the concurrence of the Clandestine Service. The Deputy Director for Plans proposed to maintain a separate register of former Clandestine Service personnel who might be called upon to assist from time to time in Clandestine Service activities. This register, though maintained separately, would be coordinated with and operated as a part of the central system. On 21 December 1970 he announced the designation of an officer within OPNER/CSPS "to work with the Agency's Civilian Reserve Program in maintaining a register of ex-employees."

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5. The number of reservists now stands at [ ] are retirees. 25X9  
[ ] of the retirees are CI/SDS and [ ] are under the Civil 25X9  
Service Retirement System. An invitation to participate in the Civilian  
Reserve Program undoubtedly has some psychological value to separetees at  
the time of departure but, if their subsequent contacts with the Agency are  
limited to an annual contact letter and questionnaire, that value is  
probably short-lived.

6. In view of the above and the limited interest in the program outside  
the Clendestine Service, it is recommended that the Deputy Director for  
Plans be given the responsibility of continuing the Reserve Program for  
those ex-employees of the Clendestine Service whom he may wish to enroll and  
further that the Office of Personnel be authorized to discontinue the  
remainder of the program.

/s/Harry B. Fisher

Harry B. Fisher  
Director of Personnel

Concur:

T. H. Kerameasines  
Deputy Director for Plans

Date

The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved.

/s/ W. E. Colby

13 MAR 1972

W. E. Colby  
Executive Director-Comptroller

Date

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